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Blankenhorn came to see me this morning. He had arrived with the Chancellor and Hallstein. Hallstein [redacted] kindly sent me as a present some of the same wine we had drunk at the hunting lodge. It is a Moselle whose vineyards belong to the archbishopric of Trier. He also presented me with a bottle of German schnapps.

Blankenhorn said [redacted] the Chancellor wanted to tell me [redacted] he had finally decided from a German domestic political standpoint that if there were to be a four-power conference it should be postponed until after the German elections.

The Foreign Ministers met here today in spite of [redacted] there being no French Government with full powers. Monsieur Pinay has been asked by Auriol to try to form a government but has not yet given his answer. Under these circumstances there is not much [redacted] to be accomplished at a Ministers' meeting beyond an exchange of views.

I was to see Hallstein after the session this afternoon, and also have an appointment with de Gasperi at a time this evening to be fixed upon the conclusion of the Conference. However, they did not break up until almost 8:30 when they all went off to dinner with Bidault, so I missed my visits with the Germans and the Italians.

Elsa Maxwell gave a dinner and dance tonight at the Restaurant Laurent with E. and myself as her guests of honor. Due to the complications of trying to see the foreign delegates, I did not arrive there until 11:30 when I found the party in full swing. I have never seen a prettier lot of women, or so attractively dressed. We got home about 3:30.

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